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SUBJ: IEP: NEW ZEALAND POSITION

1. AT MORNING SESSION OF NOV. 12 ECG WORKING PARTY MEETING, NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO TAKE DECISION ON JOINING IEP BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS POSED BY GROUP, PARTICULARLY REGARDING DETAILS OF PACKAGE OF MEASURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT MANDATORY DEMAND RESTRAINT PROGRAM. HE SAID GROUP HAD GIVEN QUESTIONNAIRE TO NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ONLY ON NOV. 8 AND THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD. THEREFORE, NEW ZEALAND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION IMMEDIATELY BUT WANTED TO ASSURE GROUP OF ITS INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM AND ITS HOPE THAT THE GROUP MIGHT BE ABLE TO INDICATE, BY THE END OF TODAY'S MEETING, THAT NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IF, AND WHEN, IT DOES APPLY.

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2. BELGIAN CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP MEETING THUYBSAERT

SAID HE APOLOGIZED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONFUSION CONCERNING QUESTIONNAIRE, BUT THAT ONLY THREE QUESTIONS NEEDED TO BE ANSWERED AT THIS TIME BY GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO JOIN PROGRAM AS FOUNDING MEMBERS (E.G. CURRENT STOCKPILE LEVELS; ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT MANDATORY DEMAND RESTRAINTS; COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE OBLIGATIONS ENVISAGED IN LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM).

3. WE RECOMMEND EMBASSY WELLINGTON BE INSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY TO INFORM THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT THAT ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN QUESTIONNAIRE IS NOT RPT NOT A SINE QUA NON FOR JOINING THE PROGRAM AS A FOUNDING MEMBER, AND THAT ONLY THE ANSWERS TO THE THREE KEY QUESTIONS MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE IS REQUIRED BY GROUP NOW. EMBASSY SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT THAT THE GROUP AGREED AT THE END OF THE MORNING SESSION THAT BASED ON THE INFO ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE NEW ZEALAND REP, NEW ZEALAND HAS SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED THE KEY QUESTIONS AND THE GROUP IS PREPARED TO WELCOME NEW ZEALAND AS A FOUNDING MEMBER. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THEREFORE HOPES THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT CAN ACT QUICKLY AND REACH A DECISION TO COME IN AS A CHARTER MEMBER. TO BE INCLUDED AS A CHARTER MEMBER, NEW ZEALAND'S DECISION SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT NLT 1300 HOURS, NOVEMBER 13 BRUSSELS TIME.

4. NOTE: THE UK REP IS ALSO REQUESTING LONDON TO INFORM THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE ABOVE. THE UK REP FAVORS A STRONG EFFORT BY THE ECG TO BRING NEW ZEALAND IN AS A FOUNDING MEMBER. THE ONLY POSSIBLE HITCH HERE IS THE IRISH REP, WHO SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE TO FORWARD AGREEMENT AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED (I.E. NOT SHOWING NEW ZEALAND AS CHARTER MEMBER) TO PARLIAMENT BY COB NOV. 12. ON URGING OF UK AND OTHERS, HE IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM DUBLIN TO SEE IF MEANS CAN BE FOUND TO OVERCOME THIS DIFFICULTY WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING TIMELY APPROVAL OF THE IEP BY THE IRISH PARLIAMENT. FIRESTONE

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